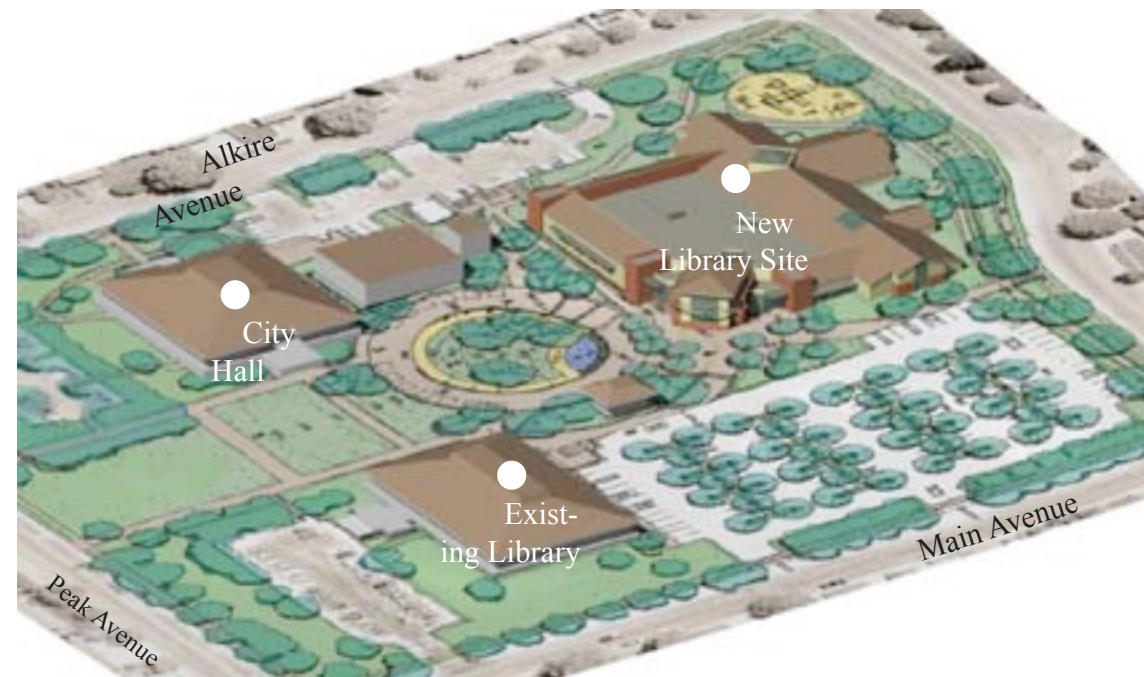


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• FEATURES AND PROGRAMS

40,600 SQUARE FEET

EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION STUDIO

69 COMPUTER WORKSTATIONS

EXPANDED READING AND
AUDIO SELECTIONS (OVER
200,000 SELECTIONS)

FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM

HOMEWORK CENTER

HOME SCHOOLING
CURRICULUM SUPPORT

• LOCATION

THE PROPOSED LIBRARY IS ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE CIVIC CENTER CAMPUS. THIS SITE WAS SELECTED AFTER A COMPREHENSIVE SITE STUDY PLAN WAS CONDUCTED, WHICH INCLUDED COMMUNITY INPUT. THE APPEAL OF THE SITE INCLUDES PROXIMITY TO DOWNTOWN AND SCHOOLS AND ACCESSIBILITY BY PUBLIC TRANSIT.

• TIME LINE

TO BE DETERMINED (SEE BELOW)

• FUNDING AND BUDGET

COST: \$21,082,299.

FUNDING FOR THE NEW LIBRARY HINGES UPON A GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. IF SUCCESSFUL, THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL COULD RECEIVE UP TO \$13 MILLION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW LIBRARY. THE GRANT REQUIRES LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE A 35% MATCH FOR CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION COSTS. THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY HAS EARMARKED APPROXIMATELY \$7.6 MILLION TO SERVE AS A MATCH.

WE HAVE LONG RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR A LARGER LIBRARY FACILITY AND AUGMENTED LIBRARY SERVICES. THE PROPOSED 40,000 SQUARE FOOT LIBRARY FEATURES STATE-OF-THE-ART EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGIES. AN EXCITING NEW JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN THE MORGAN HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL OFFER PROGRAMS IN SUPPORT OF LITERACY.



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BRIEF GRANT DESCRIPTION

On June 12, 2002 the City of Morgan Hill, in partnership with the Morgan Hill Public Library and the Morgan Hill Unified School District, submitted a grant application to fund the construction of a new public library to the Office of Library Construction under the California Reading and Literacy Improvement Act and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2000.

In order to meet the growing demand for superior library services, the City of Morgan Hill proposes to build a 40,600 square foot library that will feature state-of-the-art educational resources and technologies. This facility will replace the existing 13,900 square foot library built in 1973.

The need for a new public library in Morgan Hill is outlined below:

- Service area has grown from a population of 7,500 to 38,000 since 1973
- Existing library is almost 30 years old, has antiquated HVAC, electrical and plumbing systems, which are costly and difficult to repair
- Library collection is ten times larger than the original collection in 1973
 - many books, videos and other print materials must be housed in aisles and on the floor
- Current library has inadequate patron seating areas
 - many patrons must sit on the floor or wait for space at a table
 - need to provide multiple separated environments for research as well as recreational reading
- Joint venture between the Morgan Hill Public Library and the School District to provide Homework Center, Family Literacy Program and Home School curriculum support unable to fully develop due to lack of space and over crowding
 - need to enhance student learning opportunities through services to all schools, especially four schools in close proximity to library
 - provide facilities to do homework where teacher/mentor resources are available
 - provide enhanced learning opportunities for home schooled students
- Children’s area is small and unable to accommodate the growing number of parents and children who visit the library on a regular basis
 - need to provide nurturing learning environment tailored to young children

- Inadequate program areas for Vision Literacy program, Story Time, and Friends of the Morgan Hill Library activities
- Need for computer access has grown significantly
 - patrons must wait for long periods of time to use computers
 - existing computers are old and in need of constant repair
 - location will provide access to students from low API schools, and is easily accessible by majority of low-income residents
- Growing demand for access to emerging technologies to students
 - provide educational public access television facility where programs serving the community are produced
- Inadequate staff areas and increased number of duties required of staff
 - staff must share desks and do not have adequate work area
 - expanded library would enable staff to increase productivity and enhance customer service
- Establish a cultural focal point in civic center campus to promote the arts, cultural diversity and Morgan Hill’s Sister Cities Program
- Civic center campus site is centrally located and accessible to all

Proposed Library

Service Area Population
Upon Completion: 38,000

Square Footage: 40,600

Collection: 200,000+

Circulation: 900,000

Public Computers: 69

Parking Spaces: 134

Current Library

Service Area Population
Upon Completion: 7,500

Square Footage: 13,900

Collection: 138,150

Circulation: 500,000

Public Computers: 25

Parking Spaces: 36